The Deposition of

DR. RICHARD V. BARATTA, PH.D, P.E.

In the Matter of

JEFFREY KILLIAN AND BRANDY BANES

versus

DEAN ANDERSON, ET AL

Taken On

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

JEFFREY KILLIAN AND * NO. 1:19-CV-01220

BRANDY BANES

* JUDGE DRELL

VERSUS

* MAGISTRATE JUDGE PEREZ-MONTES

DEAN ANDERSON, CENTRA TECHNOLOGY, INC. AND

HANOVER INSURANCE COMPANY

The deposition of DR. RICHARD V. BARATTA, PH.D., P.E., taken in connection with the captioned cause, pursuant to the following stipulations before Cynthia M. Hare, Certified Court Reporter, at 3500 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 350, Metairie, Louisiana 70002, on the 12th day of January 2021, beginning at 12:56 p.m.

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STIPULATION

It is hereby stipulated by and among counsel for plaintiff and counsel for defense that the deposition of

DR. RICHARD V. BARATTA, PH.D., P.E. be taken before Cynthia M. Hare, Certified Court Reporter, by counsel for the plaintiffs, for all purposes, pursuant the appropriate statutes of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

The parties hereto waive all formalities in connection with the taking of said deposition, except the reading and signing thereof, the swearing of the witness and the reduction of the questions and answers to typewriting.

Counsel for all parties reserve all objections, except as to the form of the question and responsiveness of the answer, at the time of taking said deposition, but they also reserve the right to make objections at the time said deposition or any part thereof may be offered in evidence, with the same rights as if the testimony had been taken and given in Open Court.

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                DR. RICHARD V. BARATTA, PH.D., P.E.,
    after having been duly sworn, was examined and did
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    testify as follows:
    EXAMINATION BY MR. CAUBARREAUX:
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         Sir, I'm Brian Caubarreaux. I represent the
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         plaintiffs, Ms. Banes and Mr. Killian.
                                                  If you
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         could, please state your full name and
         professional address for the record.
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         My full name is Richard Victor Baratta.
    Α
         professional address just changed, so up until
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         a few months ago it was 8 Greenway Plaza, Suite
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         500. And right now, I don't remember what it
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         is because I haven't moved into the new office.
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    Q
         And what town are you --
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         My office is in Houston, Texas.
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                         Now, if you could, tell me
         Houston, okay.
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         about your educational background.
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   Α
                I have a bachelor's degree from Tulane
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         University in biomedical engineering and
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         mathematics. I took that in 1984. And then I
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         got a master's degree in biomedical engineer,
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         also from Tulane. I got that in 1986.
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         finally, my Ph.D. was in biomedical
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         engineering, also from Tulane in 1989.
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   Q
         What is the profession, biomedical engineering
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1 encompass? 2 So the start to finishing of biomedical Α 3 engineering is the application of principles of 4 engineering to questions that arise in medicine 5 and biology. Q 6 In this particular case you've been asked to 7 give an opinions in what areas? 8 Α Accident reconstruction and biomechanics. 9 I saw in your reports with regard to accident Q 10 reconstruction you were not asked to give an 11 opinion with regard to who caused the accident. 12 That is correct. Α 13 The correspondence that requested what Q 14 parameters, or topics you cover and don't 15 cover, do you have that, and is that 16 encompassed in this zip drive you just gave me

before this deposition?

A I don't know what there is an express place where it specifically says that that -- I don't know that such a thing exists.

Q Are you normally, when you're called upon to give an -- do an accident reconstruction, asked not to comment on who caused the accident?

In the course of my practice, more often than not, that is the case.

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1	MR. LAVELLE:
2	If you're looking for the information
3	that was given today?
4	MR. CAUBARREAUX:
5	Yes, sir.
6	MR. LAVELLE:
7	I believe that was information obtained
8	from me.
9	MR. CAUBARREAUX:
10	Yes, sir.
11	THE WITNESS:
12	So towards the bottom there, there's a
13	question of what they would like from
14	Rimkus.
15	MR. CAUBARREAUX:
16	I'm going to attach a copy of this as
17	Exhibit 1.
18	MR. LAVELLE:
19	You want to put a sticker on it?
20	MR. CAUBARREAUX:
21	I am, if that's okay. Is this a copy,
22	or this is your original?
23	MR. LAVELLE:
24	Well, it's not an original, I just
25	printed it off of my material that I had

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today. So I've got it electronically, but
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              that's the only copy I have with me.
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              we can use it.
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              MR. CAUBARREAUX:
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                   Okay, I'll put this as Exhibit 1.
    MR. CAUBARREAUX:
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         As part of this process of retention of you as
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         an expert, you were asked to generate a report,
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         correct?
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         Yes, sir.
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         I'd like you to look at this report.
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              MR. CAUBARREAUX:
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                   Paul.
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              MR. LAVELLE:
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                   All right.
    MR. CAUBARREAUX:
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         I'd like you to look at it and see if this
18
         encompasses the entirety of your report and all
19
         the information generated in this case.
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    Α
         This is the report, and I see the usual
         attachments towards the end of it. It appears
21
22
         that it is, sir.
23
    Q
         Okay. We're going to be talking about it a lot
24
         so I'm going to mark that as Exhibit 2.
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              MR. LAVELLE:
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1		This is the report that was produced on
2		October 30, 2020?
3		MR. CAUBARREAUX:
4		Correct. And it has your cover letter
5		sending it to me on that date.
6		MR. LAVELLE:
7		Okay.
8		MR. CAUBARREAUX:
9		This will be 2 in globo (Exhibit 2).
10	MR.	CAUBARREAUX:
11	Q	And you have a copy of that report in front of
12		you, correct?
13	A	Up to the figures.
14	Q	Okay. So you were called upon to do an
15		accident reconstruction, not to determine fault
16		but to attempt to determine forces of the
17		vehicles or occupants in the accident; am I
18		fair in understanding it that way?
19	A	Fairly close. Not strictly forces, but
20		dynamics.
21	Q	In doing these accident reconstructions, what
22		type of information do you want to gather?
23	A	Well, usually what we will we will gather
24		damage information regarding the damage to the
25		vehicle. We will gather, also, the vehicle's -

1 - we will also gather information regarding the 2 dimensions and the -- and other inertial 3 properties of the vehicles. Inertial properties of a vehicle, what is that? 4 Q 5 Α It starts with the weight. And it also uses 6 other analogs to weight, but that involve 7 rotation. 8 Okay, what are those analogs? 0 9 Α So the -- they're called moments of inertia. 10 And there's three of them, one across -- one 11 around each axis. 12 Okay. And how do you -- what are you looking 0 13 for when you look at a car, or a particular vehicle to determine these three things? 14 15 Α That is generally given in -- in published 16 information. 17 0 And what is it telling you? 18 Α It's telling you what is the current weight of 19 the vehicle. It is also telling you what are 20 the three moments of inertia of the vehicles. 21 And to make it -- to make it easy to 22 understand, moment of inertia is how easy it is 23 for a vehicle to rotate, to -- as opposed to 24 push something, which would be the weight, as 25 how much it tends to rotate. Either to yaw, to

1 roll, or to pitch. 2 0 So in looking at that, how do you determine, 3 are you looking at the suspension, the tires, are you looking at the roadway, the friction 4 5 coefficient of the roadway, is it asphalt, is it dirt, is it mud, is it ice? Are you looking 6 7 at all of those different factors, or no? 8 Α Those different -- those factors, unless one 9 has reason to think otherwise, are basically 10 built in. We normally work on friction 11 coefficients in the range of .7. But these are 12 the ways -- these are -- the co-moments of --13 and they're simply is how hard it is to take 14 something and spin it, excluding -- excluding 15 friction and other things like that. 16 Q Those things are a factor, are they not? 17 They are, but this is in the same way that the Α 18 weight is separate and independent of -- of 19 friction, so are the moments of inertia. 20 0 So it's not important, then, to look at 21 whether or not you're dealing with asphalt 22 surface versus concrete surface, whether or not 23 you're dealing with certain types of tires 24 versus other types of tires, when you're

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determining whether or not there's a spin rate

1 on a vehicle? 2 The differences between concrete and asphalt Α 3 are small enough that it makes no meaningful 4 difference. And the difference in tires also 5 make no meaningful difference. Whether -- how about a wet road versus a dry 6 Q 7 road? Yes, then you have a greater -- if the road is 8 Α 9 wet, then the vehicle has a greater potential 10 to spin. Not because of its inertial 11 properties, but because it has lower -- it has lower friction with the road. 12 13 0 Did you take that into account in this 14 particular case? 15 Α It was assumed that the roadway was dry. 16 Okay. You assume that? 0 17 Α Presumed that. 18 Presumed that. Okay. Did you inspect the 0 19 scene of the accident? 20 By "scene," you mean site, no, sir. Α Not 21 physically. 22 So you didn't go to the scene where the 23 accident occurred to look at the roadway, look 24 at the way the place laid out?

No, other than through Google maps.

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- Did you physically inspect the vehicles 1 Q 2 involved in the accident? 3 We performed physical inspections of the Α 4 trailer, and I think that was it. I think we 5 took photographs of the other vehicles that were on the trailer, if I recall correctly. 6 7 Did you inspect the Ford that was being driven Q 8 by Mr. Killian? 9 Α Not physically. Well, it's either you did or you didn't. 10 Q Did 11 you inspect it or not? 12 Α I don't believe we did. Okay. How about the GMC, did you inspect that? 13 Q No, sir. 14 Α 15 Do you know the extent of the damage done to Q 16 the GMC? 17 Α I know the damage shown by the photographs. But do you know the full extent of the damage 18 Q 19 done to the GMC that was driven by your -- by 20 the person -- the attorney's -- by the client 21 whose attorney hired you? 22 Α Not outside of what was shown in the
- 23 photographs.
- 24 Q So how many photographs did you look at?
- 25 Α We had one photograph of the Chevrolet.

1 Q Did you have any damage estimates to show you 2 if there was any undercarriage damage, or 3 structural damage, or the vehicle was totaled 4 or anything like that? 5 Α There was no repairs to make for that 6 Chevrolet. 7 Do you know if the air bags deployed? Q 8 There was no indication in the accident report Α 9 that they did. Do you know if the air bags deployed, yes or 10 Q 11 no? 12 I have no evidence that they did. Α 13 0 Do you have any evidence that they didn't? 14 Α No, sir. 15 Q So you don't know if they deployed. 16 Α I presume, based on my looking at the 17 photographs that they did not. 18 0 At the photograph, is there more than one? 19 Α No, excuse me, that one that I saw. 20 0 When you inspected the trailer that was 21 involved in the accident, did you weigh the 22 trailer? 23 Α No, sir. 24 Was there anything keeping you from weighing 25 the trailer?

1 Α Simply the condition and location of the 2 trailer were not conducive to weighing it. 3 0 Okay. Do you -- did you request that it be 4 moved and weighed? 5 Α No, sir, 6 Q Would the weight of the trailer, the exact weight of the trailer make a difference in your 7 8 analysis? 9 Α Not a meaningful one. 10 0 Well, what's an un-meaningful one? What would 11 it -- what would it change? Sure. We -- it would change, for example, the 12 Α 13 accelerations of the -- of the Ford. It might 14 change them from just one 1g to about 1.2g's. 15 And the longitudinal acceleration of the Ford 16 from about 1 and a half q to about 2q', 17 depending on the weight, ranging all the way 18 from 2,000 to 4,500 pounds. 19 Q So it changes the forces on the people in the 20 accident, the weight of the trailer? 21 Α Sure. 22 Do you know how much the ATV weighed? 0 23 Α I don't know that as I sit here. And again, 24 when I talk about the trailer, it's the 25 composite weight of the entire trailer.

- $1 \mid Q$ That means with the stuff on it.
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Okay. But do you know how much the mower
- 4 | weighed?
- 5 A No.
- 6 Q Do you know how much the ATV weighed?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q And you don't know how much the trailer
- 9 | weighed.
- 10 A Correct.
- 11 | Q Now, with regard -- since you didn't inspect
- the Ford and you didn't inspect the GMC, I'm
- assuming you didn't download the ECM data.
- 14 A Correct. The -- the -- we did not download the
- 15 ACM data of the GM or the Ford.
- 16 | Q Did you ever request to download it?
- 17 A No, sir, it made no sense to request a
- 18 download.
- 19 Q Okay, and why is that?
- 20 A Two reasons. Number one is, the Ford being a
- 21 non-contact vehicle, the Ford -- there is no
- reasonable expectation that there's going to be
- a deployment in the air bag of that vehicle --
- excuse me, there's going to be no recording.
- 25 Because it takes a meaningful -- takes a

1		meaningful change in speed of at least five
2		miles an hour over 150 milliseconds in order
3		for there to be a recording.
4	Q	But you're assuming that the Ford did not have
5		that because you assume that and didn't
6		download the data.
7	A	No, sir, not assume. We preformed analyses
8		that showed small accelerations and essentially
9		no
10	Q	Let me ask you this question, if I
11		MR. LAVELLE:
12		Excuse me, let him finish his answer,
13		please.
11		-
14	MR.	CAUBARREAUX:
14 15	MR.	
		CAUBARREAUX:
15		CAUBARREAUX: If I went download the data and it shows that
15 16		CAUBARREAUX: If I went download the data and it shows that there was a event, would your analysis then not
15 16 17	Q	CAUBARREAUX: If I went download the data and it shows that there was a event, would your analysis then not be correct?
15 16 17 18	Q	CAUBARREAUX: If I went download the data and it shows that there was a event, would your analysis then not be correct? If the dynamics of that event and the time of
15 16 17 18	Q	CAUBARREAUX: If I went download the data and it shows that there was a event, would your analysis then not be correct? If the dynamics of that event and the time of that event and everything of that event was
15 16 17 18 19 20	Q A	CAUBARREAUX: If I went download the data and it shows that there was a event, would your analysis then not be correct? If the dynamics of that event and the time of that event and everything of that event was consistent with this accident, then yes.
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	Q A	CAUBARREAUX: If I went download the data and it shows that there was a event, would your analysis then not be correct? If the dynamics of that event and the time of that event and everything of that event was consistent with this accident, then yes. So if we downloaded the data and it showed that
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	Q A	CAUBARREAUX: If I went download the data and it shows that there was a event, would your analysis then not be correct? If the dynamics of that event and the time of that event and everything of that event was consistent with this accident, then yes. So if we downloaded the data and it showed that there was an event consistent with this
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Q A Q	CAUBARREAUX: If I went download the data and it shows that there was a event, would your analysis then not be correct? If the dynamics of that event and the time of that event and everything of that event was consistent with this accident, then yes. So if we downloaded the data and it showed that there was an event consistent with this accident, your analysis here would be flawed?

1 analysis, then yes, sir, it would be. 2 0 Okay. How about the GMC data? 3 Α The GMC data, also there was no reasonable 4 expectation of a -- of an event because that 5 GMC is an older vintage GMC, that if it has a 6 recording, that recording would be cleared 7 within 250 ignition cycles. If that vehicle is 8 being used on a routine basis, there is 9 literature that tells us that vehicles that are 10 used routinely undergo six to seven ignition cycles per day. So in about 40 days after the 11 12 accident, you can reasonably expect that the 13 data would be gone. Now, being that we're 14 engaged so much after the accident, there's no 15 reasonable expectation that there will be 16 recording there. Do you know if the vehicle was parked, totaled, 17 sitting there for two years in a corner of some 18 19 shop, do you know that? 20 MR. LAVELLE: 21 Which vehicle? 22 MR. CAUBARREAUX: 23 The GMC. 24 THE WITNESS: 25 I do not know that specifically.

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    MR. CAUBARREAUX:
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         Did you ask?
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    Α
         No, sir.
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    Q
         Did you request information regarding that?
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    Α
         No, sir.
         If likewise, if that data is available, is it
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         important in an analysis like this?
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    Α
         If it were to exist, it could reasonably be.
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    Q
         Okay. Well, let me ask you this question,
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         let's take the defendant driver's testimony is
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         true that he hit the trailer going 20 miles an
12
         hour, --
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    Α
         Yes, sir.
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    Q
         -- would that record an event on a GMC such as
15
         this?
16
         It might.
    Α
17
    Q
         What would cause it not to?
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         Well, ultimately, it's the interaction between
    Α
         the two vehicles. I don't know what the exact
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20
         delta-V there is. And those older GM models
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         did not have set numbers to get an undeployment
22
         event.
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         What would a delta-V be of a GMC running into a
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         trailer that just stopped in the road --
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         crossing the roadway, is that pretty simple to
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1 analyze? 2 Α No, it depends on the weight distribution and 3 the weight of the other vehicle. 4 Which you don't know. 5 Α Again, I have -- I don't know specifically. 6 I've calculated -- I've done a range of 7 calculations with the range of weights for that 8 trailer. 9 So you ranged all this weight -- or some of --Q 10 can you tell me what the delta-V's would be in 11 your range? 12 For that, the delta-V's would be -- I can't 13 tell you as I sit here because I just -- I just 14 don't have that calculation in front of me. 15 But if you're looking at a vehicle that weighs, 16 let's say, 4,000 to 4500 pounds and it gets hit 17 by another vehicle at 20 miles an hour, it 18 would probably be somewhere in the range -- and 19 again, hits it sideways -- 10/12 miles an hour, 20 maybe. 21 0 Okay, so it would cause the trailer that's 22 parked in the road to be -- have 10 to 12 miles 23 an hour of force exhibited on it? 24 For the -- it would cause the GM to slow down 25 by that much and to rotate the trailer.

1 0 Okay. So you don't have any of the 2 calculations with you? 3 Α Correct. Are these calculations on this jump drive you 4 5 gave me? 6 Α Yes, sir. The whole simulations are there. All right. Well, let me ask you this question, 7 you looked at this whole scenario, do you have 8 9 an opinion as to who caused this accident? 10 MR. LAVELLE: 11 Object to the form of the question. 12 MR. CAUBARREAUX: 13 You an answer it. 14 THE WITNESS: 15 I don't have an independent opinion who 16 caused the accident. 17 MR. CAUBARREAUX: 18 0 You don't have -- you're an accident reconstructionist and you don't have an opinion 19 of what caused this accident? 20 21 Α I said I don't have an independent opinion. 22 What would cause you to have an independent 23 opinion? 24 To have done a complete analysis. Α 25 Okay, and what would a complete analysis be?

1 Α Something -- to do an analysis just beyond 2 reading the accident report. I mean, this is as far as -- as far as -- as that is, I have no 3 reason to believe that it's any different than 4 5 what the -- than what the officer identified. 6 Q Okay, I guess this is a dumb question, but how 7 can you do a non-complete analysis of an 8 accident reconstruction to garner information 9 with regard to the kinetics of -- then the 10 movements of an occupant in another vehicle 11 when you didn't do the complete analysis to 12 determine what really happened? You're giving 13 an opinion, an expert opinion about somebody's 14 body moving this way or that in a car, however, 15 you didn't do a complete analysis of it. 16 MR. LAVELLE: 17 Object to the form. 18 MR. CAUBARREAUX: 19 Q Is that a dumb question? 20 No, it's not a dumb question. 21 MR. LAVELLE: 22 It's an argumentative one. 23 MR. CAUBARREAUX: 24 Well, it's -- you need to do an analysis to get 25 to the bottom of what happened in the accident,

1 right? 2 Well, that -- what happened is different Α 3 questions provide different answers. 4 question that I'm looking at is strictly on the kinetics, on the motions of the vehicles, and 5 of its occupants. I did not do an independent 6 7 at-fault analysis. Now, if the officer -- if the officer concluded that the driver of the 8 GMC was at fault, I have no reason to contest 9 10 that. 11 Q Did you see anything that would tell you 12 otherwise in this analysis? 13 Α No. 14 Okay, let's go through your report a little bit 0 15 You indicated in the report that if we can. 16 the accident happened on Highway 165 and 167, 17 correct? 18 Α Yes, sir. 19 Which road was Mr. Killian on? Q 2.0 Α Mr. Killian was on the southbound exit ramp 21 from US 167 and turning northwards into 165 22 northbound. Okay. Now, he was attempting to turn left onto 23 Q 24 US 165, correct? 25 Α Yes, sir, going --

- 1 Q The scale, I guess, is wrong. Is this a copy
- of the accident report diagram in your report?
- 3 A Yes, sir.
- 4 Q That you like, blew up?
- 5 A Yes, sir.
- 6 Q And you have the vehicle number one, which
- 7 | would be the GMC --
- 8 A Yes, sir.
- 9 Q -- proceeding on 165.
- 10 A Yes, sir.
- 11 | Q Okay. Now, you have in your report, "Both
- vehicles entered the intersection attempting to
- 13 turn left." Where did you get that from?
- 14 A I guess I -- it should have been just Mr.
- 15 Killian vehicle, not the other one.
- 16 Q So that's incorrect.
- 17 A It appears that way.
- 18 | Q The vehicle driven by vehicle number one -- the
- vehicle number one was attempting to go
- 20 straight, correct?
- 21 A Yes, sir.
- 22 | Q That was your understanding.
- 23 | A Yes.
- 24 | Q And in an attempt to try to avoid hitting the
- 25 trailer or Mr. Killian, the driver of vehicle

one attempted at the last moment to turn right 1 2 3 Α Veer right, yes sir. 4 Q -- veer right, and that's when the impact 5 occurred. 6 Α Yes, sir. Then you cite in here, I'll get to that now, I Q 8 guess -- I'm just going down your report, you 9 retained to look at the dynamics of the accident and determine the motions and 10 mechanisms that the Ford's occupants sustained 11 12 in relation to their injuries they had claimed. 13 That's what you were hired to do, correct? 14 Α Yes, sir. 15 And that you conduct work and invoice at the 16 rate of Four Hundred Forty-Five Dollars 17 (\$445.00) an hour. How much did you invoice in 18 this case? 19 Α I don't know that as I sit here. 20 Is that on this little jump drive? 21 Α Yes, sir. Were you provided any other information after 22 Q 23 your analysis and report? 24 Α I don't think -- I don't think I have. 25 Like the policeman's deposition, the police Q

1 officer's deposition? 2 Α I don't know if I received that since. 3 0 So your opinions are based on all the 4 information that you were given, which would have been -- I'll tell you what, tell me what 5 6 information you were given to review. 7 The information within the basis of the report, Α 8 which starts on page 18. It's the information 9 that is listed there. That would be the crash report, ten 10 11 photographs, some of which are not in your 12 report. 13 Α Correct. 14 Q And those are on this little jump drive you 15 gave me before the deposition? 16 Α Those ten photographs would not be there 17 because those were within the production of 18 documents. 19 0 Okay. What ten photographs did you look at? 2.0 It was ten photographs that were within the Α 21 production -- the documents that were produced 22 between the parties. So I don't know those 23 specifically. 24 Q Can you -- are those archived somewhere? 25 Α They would be within the files, within the

1 documents that were provided to us. Normally we 2 don't -- we don't regurgitate those in the 3 materials that we --4 Well, I asked for all of that information in the subpoena. That wouldn't be on this jump 5 6 drive? 7 Α I don't think it is. 8 Okay, can I get a copy of those from someone? Q 9 Α Yes, sir. 10 0 Okay, can you provide them to your counsel and 11 he can send them to me? 12 Α Yes, sir. 13 0 That would be fine, thank you. 14 You looked at one photograph of the 15 Chevrolet; ten photographs of the trailer; the 16 repairs to the trailer; autostats dimensional 17 data for the Ford and Chevy; the trailer was 18 inspected by James Sprader of Rimkus. Did you 19 actually go and look at the trailer yourself? 20 Α No, sir, Mr. Sprader, who's one of my 21 colleagues, looked at the vehicle. 22 Q Okay, so earlier when I asked if you looked --23 inspected the trailer, the answer is no, you 24 did not inspect the trailer. 25 I did not personally inspect the trailer, one Α

- of my colleagues inspected it on my behalf.
- 2 Q So by "you," for me that means us.
- 3 A Not -- not the individual.
- 4 Q For future reference, when I ask you, I don't
- mean us, I mean you specifically, okay. And if
- 6 you need to clarify that, please do. But you
- 7 means you as far as I'm concerned.
- 8 A Okay.
- 9 Q You looked at the transcript of Mr. Killian's
- 10 deposition; you looked at medical records for
- 11 Mr. Killian; transcript of Ms. Banes'
- 12 deposition; and medical records for Ms. Banes;
- and various materials were referenced,
- 14 including, and you list a bunch of treatise
- 15 articles and whatnot.
- 16 A Yes, sir.
- 17 Q Did you look at any causation letters with
- 18 regard to Ms. Banes or Mr. Killian from their
- 19 orthopedic surgeon or neurosurgeon?
- 20 A Not if they were not contained -- not if they
- 21 | weren't contained within the medical records.
- 22 Q Do you recall looking at causation letters with
- 23 regard to Ms. Banes and Mr. Killian from a
- 24 neurosurgeon and an orthopedic surgeon?
- 25 A No, sir, I don't recall as I sit here.

1	Q	Are all of the materials that were provided to
2		you for your review, and all of the medical
3		records on this jump drive that you gave me
4		before the deposition?
5	A	No, sir. As I said, the materials that were
6		provided to me are not are not regurgitated
7		there. But I'd be happy to provide those.
8	Q	Okay. You received this subpoena, you were
9		served with it, and I understand Mr. Lavelle
10		says that he didn't receive it. And if he
11		didn't, I we retain any rights you have, I'm
12		not trying to box you in. But I just want to
13		ask this for future reference. I asked you for
14		all of copy of all documents that you were
15		provided from any attorney or third-party in
16		connection with your work in this case. That
17		would mean all medical records, anything that
18		you got from anyone to help formulate your
19		opinion.
20	A	Yes, sir.
21	Q	Is there anything other than the photographs
22		and the medical records that you reviewed that
23		is not on here?
24	A	In there, generally, materials that were purely
25		furnished to that are part of the discovery

1 process are not in there. 2 0 What else was exactly -- I mean, this list you 3 gave us, but we don't know what's in it. 4 What's in there is basically the materials that 5 we have provided, that we have generated, that 6 we have provided, that we have reviewed, other 7 than the things that were a part of the 8 discovery process. 9 I don't understand what that means. Q 10 Sure. Simply, the materials that we generated, Α 11 that I generated, our inspection photographs, 12 our calculations, a copy of our report, et 13 cetera, the correspondence and so on, those 14 materials are there. 15 Q But the information that was sent to you to 16 start your analysis is not in there. 17 Α Correct. 18 Q Okay. If I can get a copy of all of that. 19 Α Yes, sir. 20 Q Okay, thank you. 21 MR. LAVELLE: 22 All right, so I understand, you're 23 talking about like if I sent you the 24 responses to the request for production and 25 interrogatories, you have those but they're

1 not on the thing? 2 THE WITNESS: 3 Correct. 4 MR. LAVELLE: 5 So example, the police report, I know I 6 sent you that, would that be on that? 7 THE WITNESS: 8 No, the police report would not be 9 there. So strictly materials that were 10 sent to us that are generally part of a 11 discovery process are not contained there. 12 MR. CAUBARREAUX: 13 0 I want to know what you looked at. 14 formulate an opinion, I want to know what you looked at to formulate it. And I don't know 15 16 that 'cause the defense lawyer didn't send me a 17 copy of that. So I'm trying to find out what 18 you looked at and what you used to help make 19 your determination. So that's the purpose of 20 that. 21 Understood. Α 22 Okay, if you can get that here -- a copy of 23 that on another jump drive, even, or send him two of them and I'll -- forward one to me. 24 25 I can do that, or I can send the link to our --Α

- 1 our exchange.
- 2 Q Whatever's easiest.
- 3 A The materials that we reviewed are listed in the basis of the report, sir.
 - I don't want to be argue -- arguing with you, but when you say "I looked at medical records," I don't know what that means. Medical records are this thick. So did you look at this much medical records, did you look at all of the medical records, did you look at summaries of medical records, what did you look at?
- 12 A Understood.
- 13 | Q Okay?

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- 14 | A Sure.
- 15 Q Then you get to the conclusions, that's the 16 second -- page 2 of your report. "There was no 17 direct contact between the Chevrolet and the 18 You mean that because the Ford was Ford." 19 connected to the trailer with -- that was contacted, there's no actual physical contact 20 made between the actual Ford truck and the GMC? 21
- 22 A Yes, sir.
- Q Okay. Now, you have, "The Ford was coupled to a trailer via hitch connection. This type of connection has limited ability to transmit

dynamic motion to the Ford." What exactly does 1 2 that mean? So I'll ask this question, let's 3 say the Ford is parked sitting there at a red 4 light and the GMC runs into the back of the Ford, is the motion going to be transferred to 5 6 the Ford? 7 You mean, back -- to the back of the trailer? Α 8 To the back of the trailer, to the back of the 0 9 Ford. 10 Α The short answer is mostly yes. 11 longitudinal forces, sure; lateral forces, not 12 to the same degree. 13 0 So we're talking about longitudinal and lateral 14 forces here. 15 Α Yes, sir. 16 0 One is being pushed from the back or the front? 17 Α Yes. And one's being pushed from the side, either 18 Q 19 side back or forth? 20 Α Yes, sir. 21 Were there longitudinal and -- were there both 0 forces in this collision, according to you? 22 23 Α Yes, sir. 24 0 How are those forces created in an impact such 25 as this?

1	A	That's I can't answer that question, it's
2		not very clear.
3	Q	Okay. A GMC Suburban hitting a trailer from
4		the side, what type of forces does it put on
5		the truck pulling it?
6	A	Well, we have we have to start when
7		you're showing me, you're showing a direct 90
8		degree impact. So this is a little bit
9		different from that. There's more of an angle
10		here, from front to back.
11	Q	Angle from who? From which vehicle?
12	A	The angle between the trailer and the GMC
13		the Suburban. So the Suburban is attempting to
14		turn right, that's why it hits it hits at an
15		angle in the trailer. So it actually puts a
16		rearward directed force on the trailer.
17	Q	Uh-huh.
18	A	And those forces are transmitted, for the lack
19		of a better term, I'll say more or less
20		efficiently in the longitudinal direction. The
21		lateral forces, not so much, because now the
22		vehicle starts to swing around. And so instead
23		of all of its lateral force being transmitted
24		to the Ford, what it does, it starts yawing
25		because it's being controlled, or limited its

- 1 motion by the front.
- 2 Q It's your opinion that the trailer swung out
- from the back of the GMC, away from the GMC?
- 4 A It would move -- it would swing out away from
- 5 the GMC during the contact.
- 6 Q You'd agree with me in looking at photographs,
- 7 since you didn't look at the trailer, that the
- 8 utility trailer being used, the tires are not
- 9 accurately reflected as the position on the
- 10 trailer body, correct?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 | Q They're moreso in the middle, are they not?
- 13 A Yes, sir.
- 14 Q So we know that the front tire and the back
- 15 tire were hit -- impacted.
- 16 A Yes, sir.
- 17 | Q And we know that while the impact was
- happening, the GMC was attempting to go right.
- 19 A Yes, sir.
- 20 | Q In your report you also say that Mr. Killian
- 21 was braking at the time.
- 22 A Yes, sir.
- 23 | Q Where did you get that he was braking?
- 24 A Oh, actually, let me -- I need to go where I
- 25 said that 'cause I think he actually said that

- he was accelerating. Can you help me?
- 2 Q I'll find it for you, I thought you knew.
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q Okay, so I'll find that in a minute. I want to
- 5 go through the entirety of your report. But
- 6 let's assume that Mr. Killian is accelerating.
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q Okay. And the vehicle that -- the GMC that
- 9 hits the center of the trailer is trying to
- 10 | stop and he's trying to pull away. What is
- 11 | that going to do to the forces on the trailer
- at the time of the accident? It's going to try
- 13 to push it backwards?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Do you know if it was going to try to yaw the
- 16 back of the trailer, or if it was going to try
- 17 to yaw the front of the trailer over?
- 18 A Well, when it hits it over the tires, it's just
- 19 pushing it, and the result is a yaw.
- 20 Q Okay. Do you know if the truck itself was
- 21 pushed, as well?
- 22 A The truck -- the Ford?
- 23 Q Yes.
- 24 A It would not be, because the trailer would
- 25 rotate about the hitch. They would experience

- a shaking motion, certainly. 1 2 I think you have it a vibration. Q 3 A Sure. 4 0 Okay. What you said was not significant here 5 at all. 6 Α It would not be significant in terms of a real 7 potential to cause -- to cause just meaningful 8 motions of the occupant. 9 0 You have that, "This collision would 10 have a character similar to a sideswipe with a 11 shorter time duration." 12 Α Yes. 13 0 Okay. How do you get an intersectional t-bone 14
 - collision with one vehicle hitting another and equate that to a sideswipe?

 A The way that you equate it with a sideswipe is
 - in a sideswipe, the vehicle has -- the vehicle shakes. Whereas in a t-bone, in a proper t-bone, then the vehicles have undergo a meaningful net motion. The trailer certainly would have a net motion. So if there was somebody sitting in the trailer or in a vehicle such as a trailer, then absolutely. But as I mentioned before, what would happen is there would be a shortly -- short lived acceleration

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1 pulse that would be transmitted through the 2 hitch as the trailer started moving. 3 that's why you made the analogy between that 4 and a sideswipe, because you have a short acceleration pulse with no meaningful net 5 6 motion of the vehicle. 7 Q So if someone is on the trailer, on this 8 trailer during this accident, the motions are -9 - the energy transferred to the occupant of the 10 trailer, there would be significant forces to 11 cause the injuries that they complained of, is 12 that what you're saying? 13 What I'm saying is that there would 14 be meaningful motions of the vehicle, and there 15 would be meaningful motions of the occupants in 16 the trailer, had there been someone in the 17 trailer. The trailer, as it swings right, the 18 occupant would be -- tend to go left inside the 19 trailer -- inside the vehicle --In this meaningful motion to cause what? 20 0 21 It would have some potential to cause injuries. 22 Now, I didn't do a delta-V, but there would be 23 some meaningful potential to cause injuries if 24 we are looking just at the dynamics of the 25 trailer.

1	Q	Okay. So if someone's in the trailer, there's
2		significant motion here to cause or
3		meaningful motion here to cause injury, but
4		not to the truck that's connected to the
5		trailer. That's basically it, right?
6	A	In a big picture, the motions would be much
7		lesser in the truck and the potential for
8		injury would be much less.
9	Q	And then you have, "Occupants" number three
10		here, "Occupants of the Ford would have
11		experienced minor motions within the vehicle.
12		And the accelerations would be well within
13		levels experience due during routine
14		activities of daily living."
15	A	Yes, sir.
16	Q	So this accident, you think is the same as
17		sitting in a chair and all that kind of stuff.
18		I've seen those
19	A	It's not the same. The magnitude of the
20		accelerations and hence, the inertial loads of
21		the occupants would be within the range of what
22		people undergo routinely.
23	Q	Okay. Well, you have this sideswipe, and it's
24		painted red, and this is exhibit figure
25		number one.

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1		correct that because it is the result, which is
2		the sum of squares of compressive, plus the
3		lateral, plus the longitudinal.
4	Q	So this you're trying to say with this
5		diagram that being in this accident is
6		equivalent to sitting down in a chair.
7	A	The dynamic the dynamic accelerations of the
8		head and neck would be, yes, sir.
9	Q	So to do that we have to say that you don't
10		believe that Mr. Killian is telling the truth
11		that they were pushed about 15 feet in the
12		truck?
13	A	Not in terms of do I believe or not. I would
14		say that
15	Q	You said it under oath, it's whether and
16		you're saying no, that didn't happen, and
17		you're telling me you didn't do a full
18		evaluation in accident reconstruction, so I
19		want to know how you get that. Either he's
20		lying, it's impossible, I need to know.
21		MR. LAVELLE:
22		Object to the form of the question. You
23		can answer.
24		THE WITNESS:
25		Before I answer, I would really

appreciate it if you let me finish my answers.

MR. CAUBARREAUX:

Q Okay.

A I can't place belief or not in a single individual, that is not my role. What I can say is whether somebody's statement is or is not consistent with the dynamics of the accident.

Now, if we look at a base level of a vehicle that is turning and another vehicle that is hit -- hitting it in the generally rearward direction, it cannot push it, it can only slow it down, in terms of the longitudinal -- now, if he moved that further distance, it's not because of the impact, it is because of his pre-impact velocity coupled with his post-impact velocity.

So I'm not saying he's lying. I never would do that because I know that people have different perceptions of what happens in the accident. But what I am saying is that if he said that he was pushed forward due to an accident that has primarily -- or that has in the fore aftermation a rear component, then

1 that just is not consistent. 2 Q Okay, so let's assume if he was pushed sideways 3 from this accident, okay, would that be 4 significant force to cause a mechanism of 5 injury for this person in the Ford truck? 6 Α There are some injuries who's -- that have 7 mechanisms that would be associated with a meaningful lateral component. If there was a 8 9 meaningful lateral component to the accident, 10 there certainly are some injuries that could be 11 consistent with that. 12 Okay. So if he was pushed sideways 15 feet, as Q 13 he testified to, there is a meaningful 14 component of force here to cause an injury? 15 Α Some specific injuries. 16 0 Okay. How about his injuries? 17 Α There would still be no meaningful compressive 18 loads to the spine. There would be lateral 19 loads, which would certainly have the potential 20 to cause strains and sprains and that sort of 21 injury. Uh-huh, okay. How about injuries to his 22 Q 23 shoulder? 24 Α There's a potential for left contact injuries 25 to the shoulder.

Q Okay.

- 2 A To the driver's left shoulder. Given those dynamics that we discussed, moving that vehicle
- 4 laterally 15 feet.
- 5 Q "Spinal strains and sprains," this is number
- 6 four, "would not be consistent with the
- 7 dynamics of this accident."
- 8 A Yes, sir.
- 9 Q Now, are you a medical doctor?
- 10 A I am not a medical doctor, and I do not pretend
- 11 to be one.
- 12 | Q Okay. Is it fair to say, sir, that you're here
- 13 to give an opinion that the forces in the
- 14 | accident could or couldn't cause injury --
- could or couldn't injure certain tissues of a
- 16 body, is that what you're trying to do, and not
- give a medical causation opinion?
- 18 A Well, let's --
- 19 Q Or are you trying to give a medical causation
- opinion, that's my question, I guess.
- 21 A Okay, so let -- number one, not a medical
- opinion in any way, shape, or form. Number
- 23 two, the role of the biomechanics is not to say
- 24 whether something could or could not. When we
- 25 talk about could or could not, that puts us in

the realm of possibility. What we're looking 1 2 at is consistency, not causation. Whether the 3 mechanics of the accident are consistent with 4 the mechanics that are associated with specific 5 damages to tissue, again, that then get translated as diagnosis by physicians. 6 7 0 Okay. But that doesn't take into account the 8 age of a person, the physical health of a 9 person, all those different things, does it? 10 Α It does. 11 Q It does, okay. How does it? 12 Α Two ways. Number one is, we take into 13 consideration the height and weight in 14 calculating the forces or the loads. And 15 number two, when we discuss a person's age and 16 so on, there are some age-related changes in 17 the tissues that tend -- not just to make a 18 person more frail, but to change the potential 19 for injuries in some individuals as opposed to 20 others. So for example, in the general aging, in 21 22 the regular aging process, there's an 23 expectation, for example, that the potential 24 for strains and sprains is going to increase. 25 The potential for disc injuries, or damages to

1		the discs, does not necessarily go up in the
2		same way. It goes up to a small degree with
3		very minor degeneration to a small degree, and
4		then it tends to stabilize as degeneration
5		becomes more advanced.
6	Q	So you're not here to day that these Mr.
7		Killian and Ms. Banes didn't get hurt in the
8		accident, you're just here to say that you
9		don't think it ruptured discs or caused any
10		shoulder injury?
11	A	No, I'm here to say that the mechanics of this
12		accident are or not conducive to the different
13		types of injuries that were diagnosed here. I
14		can't say that Mr Mr. Banes and excuse -
15		- Mr. Killian and Ms. Banes were not injured,
16		but what I can say is the types of forces that
17		they underwent in this accident are not
18		necessarily consistent with the types of forces
19		that cause those damages to those tissues.
20	Q	Okay, so the ultimate person in this case to
21		tell us whether or not they feel that they were
22		hurt and required whatever medical treatment,
23		would be the medical physicians that treated
24		them, correct?
25	A	Yes, sir. I would not be I would not be

- 1 arguing with physicians.
- 2 Q With regard to the trailer itself, I saw you
- 3 | had an engineer that looked at it. What was
- 4 his name again?
- 5 A Jim Sprader.
- 6 Q Sprader, okay. Did he do any type of analysis
- 7 of how much force it would take to break that
- 8 axle of that trailer?
- 9 A No, sir.
- 10 Q Did you ask him to?
- 11 A No, sir.
- 12 | Q Did you ask him to do an analysis of what it
- 13 would take to bend that -- those fenders and
- deflect all of the railing of the trailer to
- where it would bend all of that?
- 16 A No, sir.
- 17 Q Do you think that would be good information to
- get when you're trying to determine the actual
- 19 speed of the GMC?
- 20 A No, sir.
- 21 | Q It wouldn't be?
- 22 A It wouldn't be meaningful.
- 23 | Q Okay. Why would it not be meaningful?
- 24 A Because it does -- it's not going to change the
- 25 dynamics of the accident, other than include --

- 1 other than increase the compliance of the 2 system. 3 Q Let me ask you this, if that GMC hit that 4 trailer going 45 miles an hour, you're telling 5 me that it wouldn't change the dynamics of this 6 accident? 7 Oh, him hitting it at 40 miles an hour, Α 8 certainly. 9 Q How about at 30 miles an hour? It would be different than it would be at 40. 10 11 0 Well, wouldn't it be a good thing to know what 12 force it would take to break this type of 13 metal, or bend this type of metal? 14 Α No, sir. Because the force that it takes to do
 - A No, sir. Because the force that it takes to do any kind of damage is reflected in the impact with the other vehicle. And we are looking at that through how much crush there is to the -- to the GMC.
- 19 Q But you didn't inspect -- I get that, but you 20 didn't inspect that, you inspected the trailer.
- 21 A Yes, sir.

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22 Q So since you didn't inspect the GMC and don't
23 know what crush did -- it did to it, how is it
24 that the forces on the trailer are not
25 sufficient to get, to determine the actual

1 forces that were placed on the trailer, since 2 you don't know what the GMC looks like, you 3 don't know what the air bag deploy, you don't know if the undercarriage is destroyed, you 4 5 don't know any of that. You have one picture. 6 MR. LAVELLE: 7 Let me object. Hold on a minute. You 8 have more of a statement together with 9 several questions in there, and I object to 10 you being argumentative with the witness 11 and raising your voice. So let's just calm down and take it step by step, okay? 12 13 MR. CAUBARREAUX: 14 So you don't know -- you did not look at the 15 GMC vehicle, correct? 16 Α I did not physically look at the GMC vehicle. 17 We did have a photograph of the vehicle that showed minimal indentation to the left front 18 19 corner. 20 Q That's what the photograph to you says. 21 Α Yes, sir. 22 Okay. Do you know if there was any damage to 23 the side of the GMC, or to the other front 24 corner of the GMC? 25 Α No, sir, it was obvious that was an angle

1 contact. That just -- that's just outside of 2 the point of contact of the vehicle. My point is, since you don't know -- you don't 3 0 4 know from looking at the GMC, don't have the 5 downloaded data from the GMC, you don't have 6 any of the information from the GMC other than 7 a picture, and you were able to look at the 8 trailer. My question to you is, why wouldn't 9 you want to try to get as much information with 10 the forces required on the trailer to cause the 11 damage that you did have someone go look at in 12 determining the speed of the vehicle? 13 Α Because I work with information that I have and 14 that's not necessarily germane. There are no 15 good information databases to tell us how much force it takes to cause that axle damage. 16 17 There are good -- there are good databases that 18 tell us about how much crush it takes to push 19 in the side -- the front of that GMC. We know 20 the general dimensions of the bumper and we 21 know how far that got pushed in. We know that 22 it was not the depth of the bumper itself, or it was barely the depth of the bumper. 23 24 So you know that from looking at that picture 25 how much damage was done to that GMC.

1 Α How much crush there was to the front of the 2 GMC, which is the one parameter that is 3 relevant. You have that, "The subject Ford reportedly no 4 0 body damage except for minor damage to the 5 6 connecting leaf springs." Did you request to 7 look at the vehicle -- the Ford to determine what force it would have taken to break the 8 9 bolts for the leaf springs? 10 Α No, not inspection of that vehicle. But this is something that we have done a number of 11 12 times. 13 0 What have you done a number of times? 14 Α Looked at when we had direct impacts to axle 15 and looking what kind of -- what kind of severity of impact it takes to do that. And 16 17 it's surprisingly low. 18 On the truck itself? Q 19 Α Yes. 20 0 Do you know what kind of force it would 21 take to bend the receiver hitch on a pickup 22 truck? 23 А I do. I don't know as I sit here, but it's a 24 couple thousand pounds. 25 0 So that's not significant to you, either.

A No.

- 2 Q Okay. And the receiver hitch is connected
- directly to the frame of the truck, the Ford
- 4 truck, correct?
- 5 A The hitch receiver is, yes, sir.
- 6 Q So in your report towards the bottom of page 5,
- 7 you get, "Mr. Killian's vehicle then slid
- 8 sideways for about 15 feet."
- 9 A Yes, sir.
- 10 | Q You would say on this accident, that's
- impossible?
- 12 | A And I said that's not consistent with the
- mechanics of this accident.
- 14 | Q That's not consistent with what you found,
- 15 based on your calculations.
- 16 A With a non-contact event to that Ford.
- 17 Q And then you have, "Mr. Killian claims that the
- 18 leaf spring on the trailer were broken and the
- 19 front axle of the trailer was bent as a result
- 20 of the accident."
- 21 A Yes, sir.
- 22 Q When you say "claims," what do you mean,
- 23 "claims"?
- 24 A That means that he stated that.
- 25 | Q Well, would there be significant forces in your

opinion in this accident to break the bolts on 1 2 the leaf springs of his vehicle? 3 Α Possibly. 4 0 Possibly, okay. But you don't know how much 5 force that would take. Α 6 It would not take much force, sir. 7 0 But you don't know how much force it would 8 take, do you? 9 Α Not as I sit here. 10 Q Ms. Banes also said the springs Okay. 11 underneath their pickup truck were damaged. 12 She also testified to that. 13 Α Yes, sir. 14 Q If you would have done a complete accident 15 reconstruction analysis with measurements, 16 measured the length of the truck, measured the 17 length of the trailer, measured the roadways, 18 got out there and done all of those things and 19 did an actual recreation of the accident, 20 complete reconstruction, physically went and 21 looked at both vehicles to determine the actual 22 damage that was done to them, do you think you 23 would be in a lot better place with regard to

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estimating the speed of the GMC when it hit the

1 MR. LAVELLE: 2 Object to the form of the question. 3 You can answer. 4 THE WITNESS: 5 Depending on a number of factors. Ιf 6 it -- if that was done immediately where 7 there still may be roadway evidence, then 8 MR. CAUBARREAUX: 9 10 0 Like skid marks and things like that? 11 Α Correct. So if you would have seen skid marks pushing 12 0 the vehicle 15 feet sideways, that would have 13 14 changed your opinion here? 15 Α If I had seen said skid marks, then that would 16 factor into the opinions. 17 Q And may potentially change it. 18 Well, it would be a basis for building opinions 19 on what is -- what is the ultimate analysis. 20 Also, whether or not there's a grass median in 0 21 between these two roadways that are going east and west and it would determine where the truck 22 23 could actually turn or not turn? 24 Α That may or may not influence. It depends --25 it would depend on a number of factors. That

1 may or may not be influential. 2 Let me ask you this question, with the truck in Q 3 this diagram that you have, photograph number one, I think you call it on your report, it 4 shows vehicle two beginning a left-hand turn, 5 6 the trailer's still straight? 7 Α Yes, sir. 8 If vehicle two was actually straight, even with 0 9 the trailer coming across the median, would that make any difference in your analysis? 10 11 Α It would simply change a little bit the 12 vectors, where there would be less longitudinal 13 component than more of a lateral component. 14 Would that change whether or not somebody, 15 according to here, could have been hurt or not hurt, but statistically sustained injuries to 16 17 their cervical spine and shoulder? 18 Α Not in a meaningful way. 19 Not in a meaningful way, okay. "Accident 20 reconstruction, " you have on the bottom of 11, 21 "applies a scientific approach to evidence 22 available in order to determine the dynamics of 23 an incident with the purpose of finding facts 24 related to vehicle positions." So we don't 25 have those, meaning skid marks and actual yaw

marks, gouge marks in the roadway, correct? 1 2 Α Yes. 3 Relative speeds. We just have testimony of the Q 4 defendant driver saying I was going 20 miles an 5 hour. 6 Α Yes. 7 We didn't download any of the data from that Q 8 vehicle, or inspect that vehicle. 9 Α We didn't download of any other data that there's no reasonable expectation might exist. 10 11 But we didn't do it. Q 12 Α Correct. 13 0 And we don't know the actual vehicle damage 14 other than looking at the photograph. 15 Α Correct. 16 0 "Within the context of this analysis, an 17 accident cause analysis and at-fault 18 determination were not concluded. Further, the accident reconstruction was limited to the 19 2.0 point in time immediately before to immediately 21 after the vehicle-to-vehicle contact in order 22 to determine the forces and motions on the vehicle to support the subsequent biomechanical 23 24 analysis." Okay. 25 Now, you said that the trailer would have

- 1 rotated clockwise.
 - A Counterclockwise.
- Q Counter -- I'm sorry. I'm sorry, "The trailer
- 4 yawed, spun, counterclockwise, viewed from
- above." So you're saying that the back end of
- 6 the trailer went, I guess it would be west.
- 7 A Rotated around, yes, sir.
- 8 Q Okay. If this impact was further up to the
- 9 middle of the trailer, would it then make the
- 10 back of the trailer yaw counterclockwise? Do
- 11 you understand what I'm asking?
- 12 A I do, but I think that you misspoke so I'm not
- 13 | quite sure. Because you said counterclockwise
- 14 | --

- 15 | Q Clockwise, I'm sorry.
- 16 A Not if it hit the trailer. If it hit the
- 17 trailer, it would not make it rotate clockwise,
- 18 simply because the one fixed point on the
- 19 trailer, or generally fixed point on the
- 20 trailer is the hitch. So --
- 21 Q Which is connected to the truck.
- 22 A Correct. So as long as it remains connected to
- 23 the truck, an impact to the trailer will yaw it
- 24 counterclockwise.
- 25 Q No matter what?

A Yes.

- 2 | Q If it hit closer to the back of the -- closer
- 3 to the back of the truck, the front of the
- 4 trailer, --
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q -- would it cause both vehicles to move in a
- 7 | lateral direction?
- 8 A There would be a point where it would make both
- 9 vehicles move in a -- in a lateral direction.
- 10 Q Could that have happened here and both Mr.
- 11 Killian be telling the truth that he was pushed
- 12 | sideways 15 feet?
- 13 A No, because of the impact was at the axle, so
- 14 it would push the tires proper. In order for
- that to happen, it would have to be far enough
- 16 to where those tires are providing enough
- support to give the trailer a rotation towards
- 18 the -- clockwise rotation. So because of the
- 19 accident, or the impact happens right at the
- 20 axles, it will push the axles such that it
- 21 rotates counterclockwise.
- 22 Q And the axles actually protrude from the
- 23 outside of the trailer, correct?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 | Q Do you know if, in looking at the photograph

1 and in looking at the trailer, whether or not -2 - or looking at photographs of the trailer, 3 whether or not the GMC was hung up in the 4 trailer when it collided? 5 Α They don't get hung up. Accidents don't happen 6 like that. The vehicle would project away from 7 the other one. 8 Q Impossible for that to happen? 9 Α I don't like using the word "impossible," but it simply just does not go along with the 10 11 physics that are involved here. 12 0 Now, you have, "A series of mathematical 13 simulations of the circumstances of the 14 accident were performed to assist the dynamics 15 of the accident." Are those things on this 16 jump drive that you gave me before? 17 Α Yes, sir. 18 0 When you download this data, are you -- is it a 19 database where it has two vehicles, or is there 20 a spot to upload information on a trailer? 21 Α I don't follow you. 22 Q Well, it's telling -- I'm sure in this data it's going to tell you what one vehicle weighs 23 24 and what the other vehicle weighs. 25 Α Yes.

- Q We know what the GMC weighs, we don't know what the trailer weighs.
- 3 A Correct.
- $4 \mid Q$ You know what the Ford weighs.
- 5 A Correct.
- 6 Q So my question is, is there a number to put in for that trailer?
- There's a series of numbers that when every 500 Α 8 9 pounds -- well, we use a series of numbers 10 because we don't know. So we go from 2,000 to 11 4500 pounds. So we don't use a trailer. 12 you use a trailer and you repeat the simulation 13 putting different weights to the trailer. 14 that way you can understand how it's going to 15 affect the dynamics of the other vehicle. 16 then once you do that, you use the more severe 17 numbers that you have.
 - Q Okay, maybe I'm asking a very bad question. My question is, when you're doing this electronic simulation of data, you have to input numbers as to the two vehicles, correct?
- 22 A Yes.

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23 Q And what you're telling me is you put a 24 simulation of the GMC, and you put -- 'cause 25 you didn't know what the trailer weighed and

- all the stuff on the trailer weighed, you did
 some assumption that it weighs from here to -x to y.
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And you did a bunch of different scenarios.
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Is there a simulation that you did that has
 8 vehicle one, GMC, vehicle two, trailer, vehicle
 9 three, truck connected to trailer?
- 10 A They should be there, yes, sir.
- 11 | Q So that's on this jump drive?
- 12 A They should be.
- 13 Q And if they're not, they weren't done?
- 14 A No, they were done. They should be there. If
- they're -- if they're not, I'd be happy to
- 16 recreate them because they should be there.
- 17 Q Okay. Earlier you testified that all of the
- 18 data that you did that you performed is on this
- 19 jump drive.
- 20 A Yes, sir.
- 21 | Q After this deposition I'm going to go look at
- 22 this.
- 23 | A Sure.
- 24 Q I didn't get it before so I didn't have the
- opportunity. Is there some other data out

there, or calculations that you did that are 1 2 not on this jump drive? 3 Α Not that I'm aware of. So in formulating this opinion that's written, 4 0 5 that we're deposing you about today, all of that information is on this jump drive? 6 7 Α It should be there. 8 I have a problem with the "should" part. 0 9 Α Well, sir, we do our best to preserve everything we do, but it certainly can happen 10 11 that some simulations may be done that don't 12 show up there. But for data that is presented, 13 there should be a simulation there. 14 that they would be there. 15 0 Had you done any calculations with regard to 16 the weight of the trailer versus how it affects 17 the truck and the occupants in the truck when 18 there are forces placed on the trailer itself? 19 Α Yes, sir. And there's going to be a specific 20 PDF on that, which is what I have -- I've be 21 referring to that as we've been in the 22 deposition. So does a lighter -- just for brevity -- does a 23 Q 24 lighter trailer being hit in a similar way affect the truck pulling it less or more? 25

Α It sounds like a straightforward question and 1 2 it isn't. The answer is that the lighter it 3 is, the less it affects it in the lateral way. 4 But -- excuse me, yeah, the lighter it is, the less it affects it on the lateral way. But it 5 6 affects it more in the longitudinal direction. 7 So it shifts -- a lighter trailer will shift it to the side less, and fore and back more. 8 9 Q Shift the truck to the side less? 10 Α Yes. 11 And where --0 12 Α Or it will in part that acceleration to the 13 truck less severe or more severe. And a heavier trailer would cause those forces 14 0 15 to do what? Heavier trailer would have a more severe effect 16 Α 17 on the lateral dimension. A less severe effect 18 on the longitudinal dimension. 19 0 Okay. But by the way, we're talking about fairly 20 Α 21 modest changes here. So from .8 to -- to about .8 something to about 1.2 g's in the 22 23 longitudinal -- in the lateral direction, and 24 from about 2 g's to 1.4 g's in the longitudinal 25 direction, okay.

- 1 Q And the occupants in this accident of the Ford 2 are getting both of those --
- 3 A Yes, sir.
- 4 | Q -- changes in movement, correct?
- 5 A Yes, sir.
- 6 Q Okay. This is page 13, the top paragraph.
- 7 | "Simulations were completed for several
- 8 possible braking scenarios, foot staying on the
- 9 brake versus foot coming off the brake, and
- 10 braking effort, normal braking versus forceful
- 11 braking, for the subject Ford." So this is
- 12 | where I -- is this a clerical error, or is your
- 13 calculations regarding braking for the Ford at
- 14 | the time of the accident, or accelerating at
- the Ford at the time of the accident?
- 16 A I need to check, sir, I don't know as I sit
- 17 here.
- 18 Q Would it make a difference?
- 19 A Very little.
- 20 | Q But we don't know how little.
- 21 A Correct.
- 22 | Q But those analysis would be on here, on this
- 23 jump drive?
- 24 A I expect that they will be, yeah.
- 25 | Q But if this report on page 13 is correct and

1 the simulations were done with regard to 2 braking, not accelerating, the data would not 3 be correct; is that a fair statement? There would be some variances. 4 Α 5 0 So it wouldn't be correct. 6 Α There would be some variances. 7 Q Okay. Could a delta-V analysis been done on 8 the trailer and the Ford truck in this 9 particular accident? On the Ford truck, it does not give you a 10 Α 11 delta-V analysis because it's a non-contact 12 vehicle. And because of the nature of --13 because the nature of the impact, it does not 14 give a delta-V analysis, it does give you -there is a delta-V response for the trailer, as 15 16 there is for the Chevrolet. 17 0 I have a problem with the analogy and maybe you 18 can explain it to me, of how a vehicle pulling 19 something -- pulling something gets hit and the thing that it's pulling gets hit and it doesn't 20 21 -- it doesn't cause any issue, or what did you 22 call it? 23 Α I'm -- I don't know. 24 0 The non-contact vehicle, you're putting the 25 truck that's connected to the trailer, the

trailer gets demolished, totaled --1 2 MR. LAVELLE: 3 Object to the form of the question. 4 MR. CAUBARREAUX: 5 -- axle's ripped off, but you're saying it's a 0 6 non-contact vehicle when they're connected. 7 Α Correct, it's a non-contact vehicle. They're 8 coupled. 9 0 Okay. And so if an 18-wheeler trailer, a guy driving an 18-wheeler, his trailer gets run 10 11 through by a train and he doesn't get run over because it didn't technically hit the tractor 12 that's pulling it, that's a non-contact 13 14 vehicle? 15 Α Contextually, it's a very different situation. 16 If there is net motion, then sure. But there is 17 no net motion. That's the whole point. 18 is a short vibration or acceleration. 19 vehicle shakes, but it does not move as a 2.0 result of impact. So there is no delta-V. 21 That's why there's a mention that the idea of 22 delta-V is not applicable for this type of 23 accident. 24 THE WITNESS: 25 Excuse me for a second before you ask the next question. I'm somewhat thirsty and I didn't see any water here. Do you mind if we take a five-minute break, I run downstairs and get water for everyone?

MR. CAUBARREAUX:

I'm fine, get whatever water you need, I'm good.

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MR. CAUBARREAUX:

- All right, on page 14, you're talking about the "occupants accelerations are damped by the coupling of the occupant's mass and the seats and are reduced by 60 percent in relation to those of the vehicle." What exactly does that mean?
- A Sure. When we have this -- the kind of side acceleration that we have in such an accident like this one, it's fundamentally different than when we have, let's say, a rear end impact. When we have a rear end impact, the person moves back, loads th seat back, and then comes forward at a greater acceleration, at a greater peak acceleration than the peak acceleration of the vehicle. When you have a sideswipe, you have a sort of transient lateral

1 frontal acceleration like you would have here, the acceleration of the vehicle is greater than 2 3 the peak acceleration of the occupant. 4 Q Okay. So they wouldn't move as much is what 5 you're saying. Α 6 Correct. 7 But in this case they are going to move forward 0 8 when the GMC hits the trailer and is turning 9 the opposite way of the trailer is going, 10 correct? 11 Α Yes. 12 0 And they would also move laterally at the same 13 time with the yaw of the trailer. 14 Α Not with the yaw of the trailer. They would be 15 going -- they would be going forward and then 16 towards the left. So as you were showing me, 17 you were twisting your shoulders. the type of motion that would happen here. 18 19 Rather than twisting your shoulder, they would 2.0 just move at an angle. 21 Q Oh, okay. You have, "Noteworthy," and I'm on 22 page 15 at the top, you said "Noteworthy for 23 Mr. Killian, disc bulging has been reported in conjunction with other degenerative symptoms 24

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including disc space narrowing, disc

1 desiccation, osteophyte formation, and 2 stenosis." Are you talking about him, are you 3 talking about statistics, or? No, generally, disc bulging has been -- so he 4 Α 5 had sort of a bulge where there was no fracture or dislocation or discreet prolapse, and that 6 7 is something that is generally reported along 8 with other degenerative effects, such as narrowing, desiccation, osteophytes, and 9 10 stenosis. 11 Q You then have, "The specific mechanism for 12 degenerative disc bulging is chronic exposure 13 to repetitive loading, such as in occupational 14 lifting. This is consistent with Mr. Killian's 15 occupation in the wood industry." Are you 16 saying that you think his disc bulge that he 17 had is related to his work? 18 Α No, sir. What are you saying, then? 19 0 What I'm saying is that for someone who has 20 Α 21 that occupation, there is a greater than average expectation for there to be disc 22 23 bulging. Okay, but a disc bulge may have occurred in 24 25 this car accident, correct?

The mechanisms to cause that were not present Α 1 2 at this accident. 3 Q Okay. So if Mr. Killian had an MRI taken a 4 week before this accident that showed no disc bulging, and he got in this accident and a week 5 after the accident had a disc bulge, it could 6 7 not occur in this accident? 8 MR. LAVELLE: 9 I'm going to object to the form of the 10 question. It assumes facts not in 11 evidence. 12 THE WITNESS: 13 We'll go back to the could not. And I 14 do not say "could not," I would simply say 15 that the mechanics of the accident are not 16 consistent with conducing that type of 17 pathology. MR. CAUBARREAUX: 18 And again, you would defer to the medical 19 0 doctors who treated Mr. Killian to tell us what 2.0 21 was medically caused by this accident? I would simply say that it's not a question 22 Α 23 that I answer. 24 So medical causation is not a question that you

answer. Any questions regarding that, you're

1 not going to answer. 2 Α Correct. 3 And you have no expertise to answer them? Q 4 Α Correct. 5 Okay. And this is a -- maybe a repetitive 0 6 question, you can't give me an opinion as to 7 what is causing either Mr. Killian or Ms. Banes' pain in any part of their anatomy, 8 9 correct? 10 Α Correct. Biomechanics does not answer that 11 question. 12 You have on the next page, page 16, that "Both Q 13 Ms. Banes and Mr. Killian stated they have 14 experienced injuries to their right shoulders 15 while the vehicle swung sideways." And you 16 have "Their description of sway is not 17 consistent with the nature of the accident." 18 Α Yes. 19 Q Okay. But I think we covered this earlier, if they did get pushed laterally toward the side 20 21 15 feet as they testified, then that would be a 22 mechanism that could produce injury. 23 Α It could produce contact to the left shoulder. 24 Because if it's occurring like that, it's 25 occurring towards the right, which would move

them inside the vehicle towards the left. 1 2 How about when they returned -- the return Q 3 motion when they swing back? If it moves left. 4 they got to go back right to get there, would 5 they hit the right shoulder, as well? 6 Α No, sir. There's no elastic structure that 7 forces them in the other direction. That's in analog to the question of rear end versus 8 9 sideswipe or lateral impacts. And you have "During the first phase swing to 10 Q the left," and I think you're talking about 11 12 what you actually identified in this accident, "Mr. Killian's left shoulder could have made 13 slight contact with the door, the B-pillar," 14 15 correct? 16 Α Yes. 17 Q You have on page 17 in the middle of your page there, it says, "The science of injury 18 19 biomechanics is fundamentally different from that of medicine." 2.0 I think we covered that. 21 "It does not offer diagnosis, treatment, or 22 prognoses but instead addresses the 23 relationships between events and damage to 24 tissue by studying physics of accidental 25 events, the properties of tissue, and the

application of loads to tissue in accidental 1 2 events." My question to you is this, in doing 3 so, people's body makeup is different, would 4 you agree? In part. People's makeup is not different, 5 Α 6 tolerances may be different. So when we are --7 so when we are addressing things in terms of 8 tolerance, then sure. But the opinions that 9 are contained here are not discussing 10 tolerances, they're discussing basic mechanism. 11 And even if the amount of forces that will 12 induce this, or that type of injury, may be 13 different from person to person. 14 mechanism that induces those same injuries, 15 it's the same. 16 Q I was watching the National Championship last 17 Back in the day I played football and I 18 could have run and hit with those guys back in 19 the day, but if I did that today, they'd have 20 to come pick me up with an ambulance. My point 21 is, as a person gets older, as a person gets 22 heavier, as a person has illnesses, as a person 23 has different things, are their tolerances for 24 injury to a specific area different? 25 Α Tolerances, yes. Fundamental mechanisms, no.

1 So the tolerances --2 0 From the mental mechanisms? 3 Α Fundamental mechanisms. Oh, fundamental, I'm sorry. So you're looking 4 Q 5 at statistical data based on hundreds of people or thousands of people in these studies? 6 7 Α And different types of studies. 8 O In these studies you look at, is a 9 person's age, does a person's age make them 10 more susceptible to the effects of trauma? 11 Α The answer is, again, to the -- when you say 12 "more susceptible," you mean the tolerances 13 will change. So let's say we apply a 14 compression load, grandma will have a much 15 lower compression load to fracture than 16 linebacker. Those two numbers, numbers would 17 be different, but if you compress grandma's 18 spine, you'll get a compression fracture. And 19 if you compress linebacker's spine, you'll get 20 a compression factor. Just at very different 21 numbers. So the tolerances are very different, 22 the mechanisms are not. 23 0 Well, the pushing on the spine is the 24 mechanism, it's the same. But what my question 25 is, grandma's spine's going to burst a lot

- quicker than linebacker's spine. If they're sitting side by side and you're pushing them down the exact same way.
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- 5 Q That's my point. The anatomy of each individual person is different.
- 7 Α Now, where that analogy goes differently 8 than you and I might think, let's say if you a 9 compression, then grandma will be much weaker than mister linebacker. But let's say if we 10 11 put a mechanism that will tend to do a disc 12 injury, which would be flexion and compression, 13 then it might go the other way. Because 14 grandma may end up with a fracture before mister linebacker, whereas he will have a disc 15 16 injury. So the mechanisms will be the same, but 17 at some point, some things become stronger than 18 So tolerances only gets us so far.
 - Q Okay. So in certain accidents that both of us attorneys have handled over our careers, there are certain people that get killed in an accident and certain people that walk away.
- 23 A Sure.

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24 Q Is that a tolerance issue or is that a
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wreck, they're both in the same vehicle with the same delta-V, with the same everything, why does one person snap their neck and die, and the next person doesn't have a scratch on them? There are questions of tolerances, and there is no denying the fact that there can be other elements that we can't assess. And that is the element of luck. And I've come across exactly what you're saying. The vehicle that had a frontal accident at 35 mile an hour delta-V, rear ender at 71 mile an hour delta-V and he had a mild traumatic brain injury and a humerus fracture, that was all. He's not walk -- he didn't walk away, but that's close to walking away from something that -- on either of those two hits could have been fatal. I'm getting close to being done, let me check my notes. So what we know from talking already, I'm just going to surmise this, there was no complete accident reconstruction done, correct? Correct. We don't know the weight of the trailer or the stuff on the trailer, the ATV or the lawnmower. Correct. Simulations were done -- that was

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- 3 Q You didn't inspect either truck.
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- 6 damage that was not repaired.
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- 8 | Q You did not download any of the data from any
- 9 | vehicle.
- 10 A Correct.
- 11 Q You have no skid data.
- 12 A Correct.
- 13 | Q You did not measure the scene of the accident.
- 14 A Correct.
- 15 Q And you did not go to the scene of the
- 16 accident.
- 17 A Well, again, once the vehicles are gone, the
- scene becomes a site, so we did not go to the
- 19 site of the accident.
- 20 Q You did not go to the site of the accident.
- 21 A Correct.
- 22 | Q You did not test what it would take to deform
- 23 the metal on the trailer itself.
- 24 A Correct.
- 25 Q You did not test what it would take the break

- 1 the axle on the trailer.
- 2 A Correct.
- Q You did not test what force it would take to
 break the bolts on the leaf springs of the
- 5 truck.
- 6 A Correct.
- 7 Q And you did not test what forces it would take to bend the receiver hitch.
- 9 A Correct. Again, I did not test specifically to this case. Let's clarify that.
- 11 Q And you cannot give us an opinion on medical
- 12 causation as to Ms. Banes or Mr. Killian,
- 13 | correct?
- 14 A That's absolutely correct.
- 15 Q And as to the both vehicles, you do not know
- whether or not the air bags deployed, correct?
- 17 A May I see that police report, please? In the
- Anderson vehicle, the air bags did not deploy,
- 19 per the accident report. In the Killian
- vehicle, the air bags did not deploy, per the
- 21 accident report.
- 22 Q Okay, per the accident report. You don't know
- 23 because you didn't inspect the vehicles,
- 24 | correct?
- 25 A I don't have personal knowledge other than

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